

Resolution No. 1804-24

Resolution Concerning Potential Bridge Removal in Lincoln County

Whereas the bridge, sometimes referred officially as Structure 43-065- 130, which spans I – 29 at 281st Street in Lincoln County, Lynn Township constructed in 1959, is potentially scheduled to be removed in the near future by a decision of the State Highway Commission, and

Whereas, the area near the Canton exit on I – 29 (# 62) has seen economic growth with a sale barn built nearby and an expanding truck stop and campground, increasing traffic in the area, and

Whereas, the Worthing exit on I – 29 (# 64) has seen economic growth with the Eastern Farmers Co-op. building a large grain storage facility on the west side of the interstate, increasing truck traffic in the area ,and

Whereas, the aforementioned span serves a valuable purpose for local residents, especially those with farm equipment as they use the bridge to cross the interstate especially during the planting and harvest seasons, and

Whereas, removal of the span would inevitably force the local farmers to move their large equipment across the interstate at either Exit # 60 or Exit # 62, thus increasing the chance of accidents at these two busy exits, and

Whereas, the cost of one accident could greatly outweigh any savings from the removal of the span at 281st Street,

Therefore, be it resolved by the Lincoln county commission that we urge the South Dakota Highway Commission to reject any proposal to remove the aforementioned span and that resources be used to renovate the bridge to promote safe travel, and maintain this important part of the infrastructure of Lincoln county, one of the fastest growing counties in the state.


David Gillespie, Chairman

Attest:


Auditor